



Friday
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Weekly Views

The Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility (IREF) Community Services Department will sponsor a "Run for the Cause" event to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which works to end breast cancer through education, research and community programs. The 5K race will coincide with the Komen Race for the Cure event that will take place downtown Indianapolis near the IUPUI campus. Residents and staff have raised over \$800 in pledges and donations to support the cause.

The ICAN handlers from the Indiana Women's Prison were featured on WFYI's "Pet Pals" TV show this past Saturday. The handlers gave tips for pet owners on training their dogs. The handlers will be featured on the show through out the year.

The PEN Products Moving Crew assisted the Indiana War Memorial Museum by transporting two regimental national flags to Richmond, IN for a celebration commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The flags accompanied the 36th and 57th regiments that left from Wayne County.

The Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility sold ribbons to staff members to wear during National Crime Victims' Rights Week in honor of all victims of crime. The money collected will be donated to the Anderson Women's Shelter.

Marion County Superior Court Judge Jose Salinas and Lisa Johnson, Victim Advocate for the Anderson Police Department, visited the Correctional Industrial Facility to speak with the PLUS participants during their week long Victim Impact Seminar.

American Legion Post 130 and Northwest Jaycees Offender organizations from the Indiana State Prison donated \$300 each to the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA).

In honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, students at South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in a Memory Walk, heard a presentation by guest speaker former State Representative Jackie Walorski, and raised money for a local domestic violence shelter.

Branchville Correctional Facility hosted its annual PLUS graduation for 36 offenders who completed the program. IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon and Religious Services Director, Dr. Stephen Hall were the guest speakers. Commissioner Lemmon congratulated the offenders for their hard work and showed his appreciation to the family members of offenders for their support of the program. He also congratulated Superintendent Peters and staff for successfully expanding the PLUS program from 108 to 240 beds.

Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. A fried chicken dinner was served to 53 volunteers by the Deedsville United Methodist Church. The event was pastored by Retired Chaplain William Babb. The facility honored 44 volunteers with 5-year pins and 26 volunteers with 10-year pins. MCF volunteers have donated 8,732 hours over the past year.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility honored Tom Jones, the late mayor of Linton, with a commemorative quilt crafted by the facility's PLUS unit. Mayor Jones' widow Patti was presented with the quilt during a presentation at Wabash Valley. WVCF Correctional Officer Lisa Baugh, who supervises a facility offender labor line, requested the special quilt. Officer Baugh's crews worked closely with the City of Linton and Mayor Jones on several community improvement projects.

South Bend Juvenile welcomed students' family members for a school open house. Families were invited to meet with teachers and facility staff, see the classrooms and share a snack with their children.

Three Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility students earned the privilege of going off grounds and spent their time completing tasks for "Habitat for Humanity Restore" in Madison, Indiana.

Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted their two year ACA program review audit. The facility scored 100% on mandatory standards and 98.9 % on non-mandatory standards. The auditors involved in the process consistently remarked about the overall cleanliness of the facility and the positive attitudes expressed by both staff and offenders.

Westville Correctional Facility in cooperation with Purdue North Central (PNC) hosted the annual "Honors Luncheon" for 24 of the 51 offender college students making the "Chancellor's List." John Coggins, Dean of Students, was the luncheon's guest speaker. Mr. Coggins congratulated the IDOC and the facility on the excellent partnership with PNC. Due to the large number of offenders receiving this honor, a second luncheon is scheduled for May 6th.

IDOC Construction Services Director Kevin Orme addressed the Wabash Valley Community Advisory Board and local media, detailing the new WVCF Stun Fence project. Orme said the stun fence will add a heightened level of security to the facility while remaining very cost efficient to operate and repair.

Correctional Officer Robert Storey from the Indiana State Prison was honored by the Michigan City Police Department for his outstanding work with the Community Service Crew and specifically all of the work with renovating the Police Department Building.

Congratulations to Correctional Sergeant Sandra Crawford who was recognized at the Correctional Industrial Facility for her promotion to Lieutenant. Also congratulations to Officers Leah Williams and Kevin Woods for their promotions to Sergeant.